

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Sylvia Amador.

2 MS. AMADOR: Hi, good afternoon everyone. I would
3 like to thank you first for having the opportunity to listen to
4 what we have to say. My name is Sylvia Amador. I work in Las
5 Vegas Hilton. I'm a guest room attendant. My work is cleaning
6 rooms. I have a daughter. Her name is Catherine; she's nine
7 year old. I'm very proud of her because she's a very good kid.
8 She's very smart and very behaved.

9 I live in Las Vegas for five years. Before that I
10 was living in California working as a maid for 4.75, no benefits
11 at all. I was depending on welfare because my income wasn't
12 enough to support my daughter and me. Because I didn't have my
13 insurance we were under Medicaid too. To move to Las Vegas the
14 best thing I ever done. I consider myself very lucky to be
15 working at the union hotel. Four years ago I had surgery. The
16 cost was \$30,000. Even though I wasn't a full-time worker pay
17 (inaudible) pay for it.

18 My husband, he work in the Santa Fe. He a
19 supervisor. He's in charge of the people who cleans the casino.
20 He doesn't have the same benefit as I do. He has to pay his own
21 insurance. A year or a year and a half ago he went to the
22 doctor to get treated for an ulcer. The insurance won't cover
23 the bill saying it was an old problem. We weren't married by
24 the time, so we have to pay the \$498.

25 I'm so glad to be a part of the union gaming
26 industry. Thanks to that, I don't need to depend on welfare

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1 anymore and I can give my family anything they need and I can
2 give them a better life and a prosperous future. Thank you very
3 much.

4 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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